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Proposed CIA Probe

The idea of having a congressional watchdog committee to keep an eye on the Central Intelligence Agency has often been advanced. One of the most persistent advocates of this proposal is Senator McCarthy of Minnesota, who now proposes that the Senate create a select committee to review the CIA's operations.

Such a committee would not be the sort of continuing watchdog that McCarthy and others have suggested in the past. It would be directed to make a detailed study of the CIA and report to the Senate. To emphasize the need for such a review, Senator McCarthy notes that CIA activities have "raised serious questions about the relationship of the agency to the process of making and directing foreign policy." This is a matter of the utmost gravity and creation of a select committee to make recommendations appears to be a good start at doing something about it.

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